

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been examined. Claims 1-12 and 14-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

I. Objection to the claims

The Examiner has objected to claims 2, 3, 8, and 9 for containing minor informalities. Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims overcome the objection.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S.P. 6,118,492 to Milnes et al. ("Milnes")

Claims 1-12 and 14-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Milnes. Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the cited reference.

A. Claim 1

Claim 1 states that the display device displays a third portion identifying a present day to a day next week and that, if one day of the third portion is specified, the programs of the one day are displayed in the first program table. As shown in Fig. 2 and the remaining portions of Milnes, the reference clearly does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the reference.

B. Claims 2-6

Since claims 2-6 depend upon claim 1, Applicants submit that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

C. Claim 7

Since claim 7 contains features that are similar to the features recited in claim 1, Applicants submit that the claim is patentable for at least similar reasons.

D. Claims 8-12

Since claims 8-12 depend upon claim 7, Applicants submit that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

E. Claims 14 and 15

Since claims 14 and 15 contain features that are similar to the features recited in claim 1, Applicants submit that the claims are patentable for at least similar reasons.

F. Claims 16 and 17

Since claims 16 and 17 depend upon claims 14 and 15, respectively, Applicants submit that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Milnes in view of U.S.P. 6,392,709 to Orito ("Orito")

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Milnes in view of Orito. Since claim 13 contains features that are similar to the features discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, and since Orito does not cure the deficient teachings of Milnes with respect to claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 13 is patentable for similar reasons.

IV. Conclusion

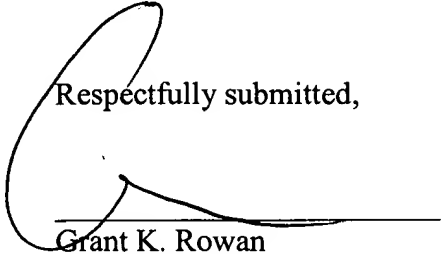
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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